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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (FINANCIAL
MANAGEMENT AND COMPTROLLER)
SENIOR CIVILIAN OFFICIAL, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF
THE NAVY (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND
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SUBJECT: New Start Notification Letters

The Department's current policy allows you to submit a new start notification letter to the congressional committees when a new start program costs \$2 million or less or when a safety modification costs \$10 million or less, after coordinating that action with the appropriate Comptroller Directorate. We have received some congressional correspondence indicating this coordination has not always happened.

To show the congressional committees that this coordination has taken place, future notification letters should include a sentence that the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) agrees with the action.

The next revision of DoD 7000.14-R, the DoD Financial Management Regulation, will include this revised policy.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce A. Dauer", is positioned above the printed name.

Bruce A. Dauer
Deputy Comptroller